

amendments with nonargumentative, objective captions."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 366, VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-69) on the resolution (H. Res. 254) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 366) to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1185, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-70) on the resolution (H. Res. 255) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1185) to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 44 United States Code 2702, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:

Mr. Timothy J. Johnson, Minnetonka, Minnesota.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, April 28, 2005.  
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, I hereby appoint Dr. Joseph Cooper of Maryland, to the Advisory Committee on Records of Congress.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
Washington, DC, May 3, 2005.  
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 2702, I hereby appoint as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress the following person: Susan Palmer, Aurora, IL.

With best wishes, Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, Clerk.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings on the three remaining motions to suspend the rules will resume tomorrow.

#### TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN LEHMAN

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my departing chief of staff, Kathryn Lehman. Kathryn has faithfully served at the House Republican Conference for the last 2 years. She came well-equipped, having worked for the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT) and Speaker Gingrich, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Chairman SENSENBRENNER).

Kathryn is truly an American success story. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, she attended Oral Roberts University and then put herself through law school. Kathryn came to the House Committee on the Judiciary and quickly found a home crafting some of the best legislation of the first 100 days of this majority in 1994.

While a rock-solid Republican, Kathryn has enjoyed the friendship and respect of many people across the political spectrum. She has helped bridge the gap between ideological differences for the good of the conference and, therefore, for the good of our country.

She has helped us deal with some of the most challenging issues facing America in the last 15 years: the Republican takeover of the House, the im-

peachment of a President, the passage of the largest tax cut in history, and the Medicare prescription drug bill.

As Kathryn turns the page and starts the next chapter of her life, I wish her well. I am grateful for the time she has given us, and I look forward to enjoying her friendship for many years to come. With her departure, the House loses one of its most dedicated and finest public servants.

Fare thee well to Kathryn.

#### NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

(Mr. BARROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, today on National Teacher Day, I want to encourage all my constituents and my colleagues to take just a minute to thank those teachers who helped us get where we are today, sometimes despite ourselves.

For me those teachers included Ms. Moseley, Ms. Goodwyn, Ms. Rapley, Ms. Hughes, and a host of others. But the teacher I want to single out is Ms. Bertha Musick. She just celebrated her 96th birthday, and she is still going strong.

She was my 11th grade English teacher, and she was tough as nails. Every day it was her job to hammer an understanding and an appreciation of good English into the heads of an 11th grade class full of thick-skulled teenagers.

Ms. Musick meant business. And while she had a reputation for being tough, every one of her students came to realize that her toughness was driven by her devotion. Many of us understood that at the time. All of us came to understand it over time.

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I cannot tell my colleagues how many times I have heard her describe how former students, who used to think of her as the enemy, came back to her, sometimes many years later, to thank her for being caring enough to be tough. Not just caring enough about her work, but caring enough about her students; and they were right.

Someone once defined an education as what you remember after you forget 99 percent of what you learned in school. What Ms. Musick taught me, and hundreds of other impressionable youngsters, is the value of not giving in and not giving up.

That is what defined a good teacher in Ms. Musick's day, and that is what defines good teachers today, who are overworked, underpaid, and underappreciated.

So to Ms. Musick, at 99 years strong, I just want to say "thank you very much."

#### THE HOUSE WILL MISS KATHRYN LEHMAN

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleague and good friend, our conference chairman, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE), in recognizing Kathryn Lehman as she leaves her work here after 15 years.

We are dramatically benefited by the people who help us do these jobs, and no one has been more involved in more places over those 15 years than Kathryn has, working, as has already been said, in the Speaker's office, in the Conference office, in the whip's office. During the 4 years that I was the chief deputy whip, it was never quite clear to me whether Kathryn was working for me or I was working for her, but I always knew that we were all working to get our job done.

She is leaving now to go to Holland. We recently lost a great former Member of the Congress, our good friend Tiller Fowler, and Tillie would be pleased, I think, that Kathryn is filling some of the gap that is left there by Tillie's passing.

I am sure that our conference chairman will miss Kathryn. I know that our conference will miss Kathryn on a daily basis. I really do deeply and truly know that we will miss Kathryn's wise counsel, her good judgment and, maybe most of all, her reliable sense of humor. When things are the toughest and the challenges are the greatest, Kathryn always had an understanding of how fortunate we all really were to be involved in that challenging moment, to be making those decisions on the House Floor, to be part of this great process in the greatest country in the world.

Kathryn, we will miss you.

#### IRAQ IS ANOTHER VIETNAM

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we acknowledge the 30th anniversary of the conflict in Vietnam, it is important to be reminded of the crisis in Iraq: 12,000 wounded soldiers, 1,500 dead, 143 Iraqis and others killed over this past weekend; no stated policy from this administration, and the continuous flow of injured and fallen soldiers coming home to loved ones.

Iraq is another Vietnam. Iraq deserves the attention of this Congress and of this administration. It is time now to address the fact that there were no weapons of mass destruction. Whether or not we are liberators, no one seems to care. This government is in conflict. The Shiite government is refusing to seek Sunnis. The insurgents will continue, the bloodshed will continue, the hostages will continue.

We must, we must have a solution to this terrible tragedy in Iraq. We are not creating freedom; we are creating terrorists.

#### REAL ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR AMERICA

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, America is on a really great economic track right now. Since 2000, Congress and this great Nation both have had to contend with a recession, with terrorism, but we have dealt with this by enacting tax relief and working to decrease regulatory burdens on America's workers. What we are seeing is real growth.

Now, the first quarter of this year we have seen a 3.1 percent growth in the GDP. It is good and solid. To put it all in perspective, going back to October and December of 2004, the fourth quarter of last year, look at what we had going on here. Germany, 1.5 percent growth, Italy and Japan both at eight-tenths of one percent growth. During that time, America had 3.9 percent GDP growth. Do we know why? It is because we have fought to lower taxes and reduce burdensome regulation both together, while other nations have kept raising their taxes and imposing more regulation.

What does this show? It tells us that if we want more of something, we tax it less, we regulate it less.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHRYN LEHMAN

(Mr. GOODLATTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join the House Republican Conference chairman, the whip, and shortly the chief deputy whip and the vice chairman of our conference in congratulating Kathryn Lehman on an outstanding career here in the Congress and to wish her Godspeed as she leaves this great institution and goes out into the wide world to seek other challenges and opportunities.

Kathryn has served the House of Representatives longer than the vast majority of the Members who serve here today. She has an incisive legal mind, and I came to know that many years ago when I was first elected to serve here and had the privilege of being appointed to serve on the House Committee on the Judiciary, where Kathryn was serving as a counsel for the then senior member of the committee, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) and shortly thereafter became chairman of the committee.

Kathryn was the staff director and chief counsel for the Subcommittee on the Constitution. She advised the gentleman from Illinois (Chairman HYDE) and subsequently Speaker Gingrich, with regard to the procedures that the House needed to follow with regard to the very somber process of impeachment of a President of the United States. Since then, she has gone on to

serve in our leadership. A number of Members who we can see here today recognize that she has not only the great sense of humor that has been recognized already, but a great ability to step back and see the big picture at a time when many of us get tied up in the heat of the moment. That is something that is a valuable, valuable asset for this Congress and this Republican Conference.

Kathryn, we thank you, and we wish you the very best.

#### FAREWELL TO KATHRYN LEHMAN

(Mr. CANTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise this evening to bid farewell to an individual that I have come to know over the last 4 years since I first started serving in this House. She is not only a friend, she is a neighbor. She is an individual that I look to as a colleague and counsel.

As has been mentioned before, Kathryn Lehman has been a critical asset to this institution over the length of her career here. She has worked for the majority leader when he was majority whip. That is where I came to know her, and it is then that I began to see the incredible addition she was to the leadership team of this House.

She has provided tremendous insight into not only the history of this institution, but also to the intricacies of the legislative process, and her ability to really grasp how to get things done in this town, and certainly in this building.

So it is with much sentiment, I think, that I say goodbye. I know it will not be a permanent goodbye. Kathryn is one who is a true believer, and I could tell that when I first met her, that she has the common sense and conservative values that are really what make this country great.

I guess we could claim her as an adopted Virginian. She lives in the legacy of those great public servants of the 18th century that founded this Nation and that left us such a legacy to contribute to our democracy, to stand up for the principles that we believe in.

So Kathryn, I want to thank you for all of your wise counsel. I will continue to seek that counsel. We will miss you here in the House, but we wish you all the best, and Godspeed.

#### KATHRYN LEHMAN: A BEHIND-THE-SCENES PROFESSIONAL

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, several years ago, I went to a ribbon-cutting on a new road and the road had taken many, many years to build, yet all the politicians who participated in the ribbon-cutting were newly-elected. But in